

## Introducing Pathways to Homeownership

### Q&A with Briana Cantrell

Family Services Manager/QLO & Volunteer Coordinator

#### Could you explain the new Pathways to Homeownership program?

Our Pathways to Homeownership program is designed for those applicants that do not quite qualify for our traditional Homeownership Program. These applicants typically have a little bit more debt than we can approve. This program is to help those applicants pay down that debt (up to \$5,000) in order to qualify for our Homeownership Program. Applicants then sign a promissory note with Habitat to repay their debt with a 0% interest loan.

#### Why do we have this program?

The generous gift from philanthropist Mackenzie Scott enabled us to create this program. It is geared towards those individuals who fall just outside of our normal qualifications. We recognize that providing families with a pathway towards affordable homeownership can have a generational impact and we want to help applicants in any way we can.

#### What organization do we partner with? What kind of classes are offered?

We partner with the Akron Financial Empowerment Center (FEC), which is a program of United Way of Summit & Medina County. The FEC provides credit counseling and assists applicants with negotiating payoff amounts for items in collections or items that have been charged off to bad debt. We require that all applicants meet with the FEC on a schedule created by the FEC. Applicants are also required to complete the 8 hour HUD Homebuyer Education during their time in the Pathways to Homeownership Program. In addition to these requirements, we invite these applicants to all of the same classes our Partner Families attend – these are not required.

#### What is the goal of participants going through this program?

The goal is to help applicants pay down their debts in order to qualify for our homeownership program and to take positive financial steps to help in this process.

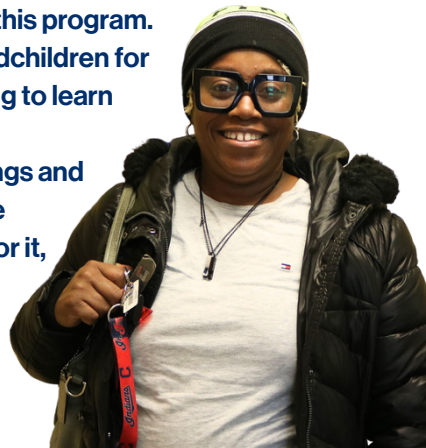


I am thankful for the opportunity to go through this program. I have wanted a house for my children and grandchildren for a long time. My goal is to own a home. I am willing to learn whatever will help me and my family succeed.

Going through the classes helped with my savings and keeping my credit right, especially talking to the creditors about getting my credit on track. Go for it, apply for the program! God can make the impossible possible.

### Ericka

Pathways to Homeownership applicant



Apply Here!



### Upcoming events at Habitat February 2024

*\*This is a 5 week class. In order to receive your certificate of completion, you must attend each class.*

Wednesday, February 7th  
\*Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program  
6PM-7:30PM  
Training Room HFH Summit County

Wednesday, February 14th  
Bag Stuffing for Home & Garden Show  
5PM-7:30PM  
Training Room HFH Summit County

Wednesday, February 21st  
Financial Fitness  
*\*required class must attend 7/9 classes*  
6PM-7:30PM  
Training Room HFH Summit County

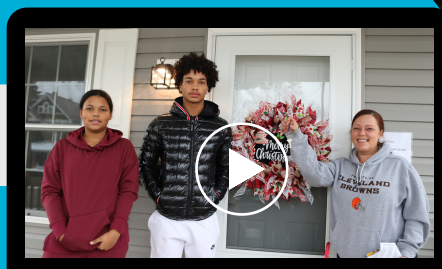
Wednesday, February 28th  
Homeowner Panel  
6PM-7PM  
Training Room HFH Summit County

## Welcome Home Sabrina!

Watch Sabrina's story on our Youtube page!

[youtube.com/  
@hfhs Summit County/videos](https://www.youtube.com/@hfhs Summit County/videos)

don't forget to check out all videos on our youtube page



# all things Habitat

## Meet Loyal Volunteer Frank!

**By: Briana Cantrell,**  
Family Services Manager/QLO & Volunteer Coordinator

Meet Frank! Frank has been a loyal volunteer at Habitat for Humanity of Summit County since January 2020 and has completed over 795 volunteer hours. He retired in May 2019 and quickly decided that he could not sit at home all day. Frank shared that he has always been handy and has fond memories of helping his dad with DIY construction projects around home as a child.



Franks favorite part about volunteering with Habitat for Humanity of Summit County is the comradery amongst the other Loyal Volunteers. He was surprised how many of them share the same likes and interests. Frank shared that he enjoys joking around with the guys and sometimes it's not only about the work. Frank also enjoys meeting the future homeowners and seeing the appreciation and gratitude on their faces when they see their home coming together. When asked what he would say to potential Habitat volunteers, Frank shared, "Do it! You will not regret it! We understand different skill levels and we will help you – no experience is required." Thank you Frank for all of your hard work and dedication to Habitat over the last 3 years!

**HABITAT HEROES**

SCAN ME

Pastor Mark Frey is a Habitat Hero!  
Watch his story on our Youtube page!

[youtube.com/@hfhsummitcounty/videos](https://www.youtube.com/@hfhsummitcounty/videos)

**Pastor Mark Frey**  
Board Member, The Bath Church, UCC

**coming soon...**  
stay tuned for February's  
Habitat Heroes!



## Share Your Story

Stories are powerful. Sharing your family's story could help motivate new volunteers and donors to support Habitat's programming, further helping more local families improve their lives. Contact Sam to help us share YOUR story today 330-745-7734 ext 213



**Silver Maple Ridge**  
16 home development



**You are Building Here**



## Apply for Habitat Homeownership

We are ready to rehab these 3 homes with the right family!



**You are building homes, community, and hope.**

These homes would not be possible without all the generous donors and volunteers who support Habitat. Thank you!

**FOR SALE**



perfect way to celebrate with your galentines! 



# Build in Style Fundraising Event

**Tuesday**  
March 12, 2023

11AM-1PM  
Summit County ReStore  
2301 Romig Rd. Akron, OH

*empowering women to build strength, stability and independence*

## ticket prices

- \$40 Single Ticket
  - \$60 Pair of Two Tickets
  - \$100 Lunch-Bunch 4-Pack
- Tickets include lunch, shopping, raffles, networking, and more!



## donations needed: new & gently used purses & jewelry

Donate your name brand fashion items including purses and jewelry for our upcoming women's fashion fundraising event, Build In Style in March 2024. Drop off donations to the Summit County ReStore.

## We are proud to support veterans!

We are proud to serve Summit County veterans who have sacrificed for our country. Through our partnership with Owens Corning, veterans receive donated roofing and labor for their home repair. Scan the QR to learn more!



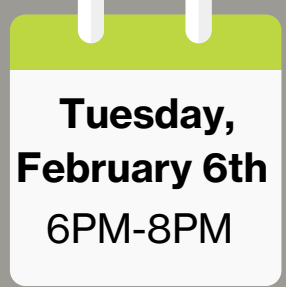
## Veterans Discount save 15% everyday

*Must show valid US Veterans ID to receive discount. Some exclusions may apply.*



## Neighborhood Network

### February Meeting



**Family of Faith UMC**  
800 East Market Street

### Meet Rob!

Rob is our new Neighborhood Network Manager for Southern Summit County working alongside Jessica Goldbourn, Northern Summit County Manager, to enhance our relationships and programs in the southern part of Summit County!



### Calling North Hill locals

If you live in North Hill, check out the survey for what you'd like to see happen at Water's Park!

NEW HOURS

# ONLINE SHOPPING

MONDAY	OPENS
TUESDAY	ENDS @ 2PM
WEDNESDAY	SHOP IN-STORE

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**ReStore**  
Habitat for Humanity of Summit County

**5 HOT PICKS**  
online shopping

Friday  
**19th**  
April 2024  
12pm-4pm

**join us!**

# ReStore & Recycle

An Earth Day Recycling Event

# buy pizza to build homes

Round up to donate when ordering your online Donatos Pizza at participating locations in Summit County to build affordable housing.

From February 5th through April 28, 2024, customers can round up or donate when they order online to support Habitat. There are 4 local Summit County locations that will help our affiliate, listed on the right. Plus \$1 per Peanut Butter Frosted Chocolate cookie sold will also be donated to local affiliates.

**SCAN**  
Order Now

**Habitat for Humanity**  
of Summit County

**DONATOS PIZZA**  
Every piece is important.

**ReStore**  
Habitat for Humanity of Summit County

## 2024 pricing system quarterly discounts

white/red tags are excluded from any discounts

January, February, March >>>> blue tags

- 25% off purple tags
- 50% off green tags
- 75% off pink tags

**Check out Summit e-Waste Recycling Solutions bin outside of ReStore!**



- donate
- Computers
  - Cell Phones
  - Routers
  - Cables
  - DVD players
  - VCRs
  - Game consoles
  - stereos
  - printers

**2301 Romig Rd, Akron**

**ReStore**  
Habitat for Humanity of Summit County

**Share your creative up-cycled & repurposed ReStore projects with us!**

**SCAN OR EMAIL US**  
kaylac@hfhs Summit County.org

**SCAN ME!**

Looking for your next creative idea at the ReStore? Check out our new DIY flip project ideas; these flyers are available near the ReStore front counter.